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Director may please see the F.R. regarding the supply of two files, which are required by the Netaji Inquiry Commission.

We may have no objection to the supply of the files. Since the files are with the NGO Section of this Ministry, Director's approval is required for their requisition. Director may kindly accord his approval for requisition from NGO and supply to MHA.

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DS(EA)

for approval M.

US(J)

24-3-1971

Director(EA)

H. put up the files to me

24/3

Dy. Secy
Dated 29/3/71

Phvc
26/3/71

NGO

There may ask Historical Division

whether they have been mentioned at S.N. 11 to para 2 of the letter of the Home Ministry

30/3/71

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NGO

Reference Director (EA)'s note above.

2. N Go's Section files 25/4/NGO/51 (Vol. 1) and 25/4/NGO/51 are placed below.

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M. for h. l. no. F-93/5/45-05.

it has been re-situated by USCJ)
h. l. ORR

on 24-3-71 L. Director (EA) may ask

USCJ) to admit this h. l. to him.

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Director (EA)

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(E.A. Division)

Reference Netaji Inquiry Commission's letter
No. 4/23/70-NC dated July 15, 1972 (placed below).

Attention is invited to para 2 of the letter which states
that:

"...the Commission ordered that the Secretaries
concerned to the Government of India should make
a discovery of the documents in their possession
which have a bearing on the matter of Netaji
from the year 1944 upto date..."

This Ministry together with the Ministry of Home Affairs
and Ministry of Defence, have been asked to appear before the
Commission on August 7, 1972 with the files/documents in their
possession.

It will be recalled that all papers connected with the
inquiry into the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose had
earlier been transferred to the Ministry of Home Affairs. One
file concerning various matters relating to Netaji Subhas
Chandra Bose was kept in the NGO Section and this is placed below.

Basically, these NGO papers relate to:

- 1) taking over of the properties of the INA in Japan;
- 2) Safe custody of the ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose;
- 3) constitution of the first Inquiry Committee headed
by Shri Shah Nawaz Khan.

There are some papers which are directly connected with
the question of Netaji's death. Materials under Flags 'A', 'B',
'C', 'D' and 'E' are particularly relevant. Flag 'D' relates
to a Note Verbale sent by the Gaimusho on 31.1.56 enclosing a
report prepared by the Japanese authorities on the cause of
death and other matters relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

JS(EA) may kindly see these papers and decide whether the
NGO file should be sent to MHA for necessary action.

(A.K. DAS)

Deputy Secretary (EA)
29.7.72

NGO
JS(EA)

I think instead of sending the
entire file (a large part of which
has to deal with other matters) relevant
documents or notes may be sent to

MHA

NGO should prepare a
new file incorporating the
documents mentioned at "A" and put
this up to my successor on 7/8 (Monday) &
return according to JS(EA)'s instructions.

NGO

No. TS/132/JS(EA)/72
5/8

(4) I speak to Shri Kapoor Dy Sec in MHA. They are asking for an adjournment. The selected material can be sent to Shri Kapoor as per JS (EA)'s instructions.

NGO

JS
7/8/72

A draft letter is put up

for approval

JS
7/8/72

JS(EA)

this was discussed with JS(EA) this morning. The NGO files below have to be gone through carefully, and the pp. relevant to the Commission's Enquiry should be separated, for being sent to M.H.A.

hence vs (f) please attend

to this

JS

9.8.72

I have gone through the papers and flagged those that should be sent to M.H.A. We may also mention to M.H.A. that all others that M.E.A. had were sent over in 1970

JS(f)

Please take to Shri V.K. Kapoor Secy

DS MHA,

with encl.

JS

15/8 NFO

R. RANGANATHAN
DEPUTY SECRETARY (EA)

No.F.25/4/NGO

11 August 1972

Dear Shri Kapur,

May I refer you to the telephonic conversation Shri A.K. Das had with you regarding the documents required in connection with the Netaji Enquiry Commission? I am sending herewith a folder containing the following documents:-

- 1) Letter dated 12th September 1951 (3591/NGO/51) from Shri Prakasa, Minister for Natural Resources and Scientific Research, New Delhi addressed to Prime Minister Shri Jawaharlal Nehru (with three page enclosure).
- 2) Letter dated 24th September 1951 from Shri S.A. Ayer addressed to Shri Jawaharlal Nehru with Ayer's Report on fatal air crash of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at Taihoku (Formosa) on August 18, 1945, (6 pages) and also documents submitted by Shri S.A. Ayer in support of his contention that Netaji Subhas Bose is dead (6 pages).
- 3) D.O. letter No.672/51-G dated 28th Sept., 1951 from Shri S. Dutta, to Shri A.M. Sahay, Commissioner for the Govt. of India, Port of Spain, Trinidad.
- 4) D.O. No.345/COM-51 dated 13th October 1951 from Shri A.M. Sahay, Commissioner for India, Port of Spain, Trinidad addressed to Shri S. Dutta, Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi.
- 5) D.O. No.758/51-S dated 1 November 1951 from Shri S. Dutt to Shri A.M. Sahay, Commissioner for India, Port of Spain.
- 6) D.O.No.13-Com/52 dated 17 January 1952 from Shri A.M. Sahay, Commissioner for India, Port of Spain, addressed to Shri S. Dutt, Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi containing 2 page enclosures).
- 7) Parliament Question No.334 answered by Shri J. Nehru in Lok Sabha on 5th March 1952 (together with Resume of Shri S.A. Ayer's Report on Aircrash of Netaji at Taihoku (Formosa) on 18 August 1945) (6 pages).

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8) D.O. letter dated 11th June 1952 from Shri S.A. Ayer, Bombay addressed to Shri B.N.Kaul, Principal Private Secretary to the Prime Minister, New Delhi.

9) D.O. letter No.25/4/NGO dated 30th June 1952 from Miss Leillamani Naidu, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi to Shri S.A.Ayar, Bombay.

10) Letter from Shri S.A. Ayer, Bombay, dated 3rd July 1952 addressed to Miss Leillamani Naidu, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi.

11) Top Secret letter No.5(1)NGO-1 dated 6th Feb 1956 from Ambassador of India, Tokyo, addressed to Foreign Secretary forwarding Note No.24/A4 dated 31st January 1956 from the Gaimusho (Japanese Foreign Office) to the Embassy of India, Tokyo, enclosing a report prepared by them on the cause of death and other matters related to late Subhas Chandra Bose (11 page enclosure).

12) Memorandum No.F.25(4)/NGO dated 6th September, 1956 containing Report of the Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose enquiry Committee from Foreign Secretary to Cabinet Secretary (5 pages) along with a copy of Netaji Enquiry Committee Report.

13) A letter which appeared in Amrita Bazar Patrika, Calcutta, dated 21.12.52 from Jubei Harada, Executive Secretary, Indo-Japanese Friendship Association, Tokyo.

All the other documents connected with Netaji that were in possession of this Ministry were passed on to the Ministry of Home Affairs, vide our u.o.note No. C/551/8/70-JP dated 1st August 1970. It is requested that the documents being sent now may kindly be returned to this Ministry when no longer required.

Yours sincerely,

(R.RANGANATHAN)

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Shri V.K. Kapur,
Deputy Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
NEW DELHI

Encl. As above.

भारत सरकार

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

नेताजी जांच आयोग (१९७०)

NETAJI INQUIRY COMMISSION (1970)

सेक्रेटरी फ्लोर, रिजर्व बैंक बिल्डिंग

पार्लियामेंट स्ट्रीट, नई दिल्ली-१

Second Floor, Reserve Bank Building

Parliament Street, New Delhi-1

JULY 15, 1972.

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs/Defence, External Affairs,
NEW DELHI.

Sir,

I am directed to say that the Government of India in Notification No. 25/14/70-Poll.II dated the 11th July, 1970 (copy enclosed) has appointed a one-man Commission headed by Mr. Justice G.D. Khosla to inquire into all the facts and circumstances relating to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and the subsequent developments connected therewith and make its report to the Central Government.

2. Submissions have been made to the Commission by various parties that records and documents relevant to the inquiry are in the possession of the Central Government in the Department under your administrative control. At its sitting held in New Delhi on the 7th July 1972 the Commission ordered that the Secretaries concerned to the Government of India should make a discovery of the documents in their possession which have a bearing on the matter of Netaji from the year 1944 upto date.

3. In accordance with rule 3 of the rules made by the Central Government under section 12 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 for the issue and service of summons by Commission, I am directed to request you to appear before the Commission at 10.A.M. in Commission Room 'H' on the 7th August, 1972 with an affidavit duly sworn in and the files/documents in the possession of the departments/offices under your administrative control or make arrangements for a competent officer in whose custody such records are now lying, to appear before the Commission on the said date and time with duly sworn in affidavit and the records/documents in question.

Yours faithfully,

(Signature)
(D.K. Das)
Secretary

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Copy of Notification No.25/14/70-Poll.II,
dated 11.7.1970.

S.O. 2375 WHEREAS the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee appointed by the Government of India in April, 1956, to inquire into and to report to the Government of India, on the circumstances concerning the departure of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose from Bangkok about the 16th August, 1945, his reported death as a result of an aircraft accident, and subsequent developments connected therewith, had come to the conclusion that Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose met his death in an air crash;

AND WHEREAS there is a widespread feeling amongst the public that the problem of finding the truth about Netaji's death still remains;

AND WHEREAS there has been a persistent demand for a further inquiry into the matter;

AND WHEREAS the Central Government is of opinion that it is necessary to appoint a Commission of Inquiry for the purpose of making an inquiry into a definite matter of public importance, namely, the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945;

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 (60 of 1952), the Central Government hereby appoints a Commission of Inquiry consisting of Shri G.D.Khosla, retired Chief Justice of the Punjab High Court, as sole member.

2. The Commission shall inquire into all the facts and circumstances relating to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, in 1945 and the subsequent developments connected therewith and make its report to the Central Government. The Commission will be expected to complete its inquiry and make its report by the 31st December, 1970.

3. The Central Government is of opinion that, having regard to the nature of the inquiry to be made and other circumstances of the case, all the provisions of sub-section (2) sub section (3), sub-section (4) and sub-section (5) of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952(60 of 1952) should be made applicable to the said Commission and the Central Government hereby directs under sub-section(1) of the said section 5 that all the provisions aforesaid shall apply to the said Commission.

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

NGO SECTION.

Please find enclosed copy of a letter No. 25/17/70-Pol.11, dated the 23rd March 1971 regarding files required by the Netaji Enquiry Commission.

2. In para 2 of the letter, Ministry of Home Affairs have asked for two files from this Ministry. We shall be grateful if the Historical Division could kindly let us have the file mentioned at S.N.(ii) of the letter, if it is with them.

P.N. Ramachandran
(P.N. Ramachandran.)
Section Officer
30.3.1971

Historical Division.

*We do not have the NGO
files mentioned above*

Smt. Kalabai
1/4/71

NGO (L.O.)

MHC
1/4/71

Dy. No. 3145
Dated 2/4/71

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D.O.No.25/17/70-Poll.II

T.R.AGNANI
UNDER SECRETARY

Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

New Delhi

Dated the 23 March, 1971

Dear Shri Cherpoot,

Please refer to your d.o. letter No.C/551/8/70-JP, dated the 14th January, 1971, regarding files required by the Netaji Inquiry Commission.

2. The Commission also desire to peruse the following files of the Ministry of External Affairs which were made available to the Shah Nawaz Committees

- (i) File No. 25/4/NGO-51 (all volumes and Annexures).
- (ii) File No. F.93-5/45-O.S.

We shall be grateful if these files are made available to us immediately for the perusal of the Commission.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-
(T.R. Agnani)

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Under Secretary(J),
Ministry of External Affairs,
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Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi

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T.R. AGNANI,
Under Secretary.

Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

New Delhi,
Dated the 23 March, 1971.

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